

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on July 28, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2, amended claims 3 and 4 into independent form, and amended claim 8 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 9.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended, and claims 1, 3, 4, and 8 are the independent claims. Claims 1, 3-8 and 10 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Additionally attached to this Amendment is the fee required for 1 independent claim in excess of 3.

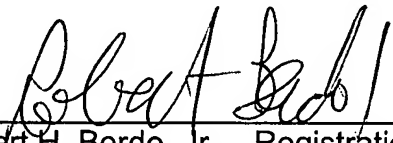
It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 9 as being allowable over the art of record. As noted above, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claims 2 and 9, and allowable claims 3 and 4 have been amended into independent form. Thus, since all of the claims pending in the application either include allowable subject matter or depend from an allowable claim, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot. As such, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, or should any further fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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